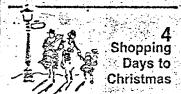
Washington, Dec. 19 (News Bureau) — The Senate, after a long day of maneuver—tend that the Soviet Union and delete veted 54 to 22 today to be all funds for several action in the senate of the senate

ing and debate, voted 54 to 22 today to bar all funds for secret action in war-torn Angola. President Ford, immediately condemned the action, warning that it would "seriously damage the national interest of the United States."

The Senate vote, which came on acceptance of Sen. John V. Tunney's amendment to the \$112.3 billion defense appropriations bill, represented the first time that the Senate has managed to call a halt to any major secret operation. The defense bill secret operation. The defense bill now goes to the House.

The way was cleared for the erucial vote when Republicans called off a filibuster about midafternoon, GOP senators then attempted to kell the Tunney amendment, but this was defeated 58 to 21.



\$29 million in the last six months in Angola to help propup the two anti-Soviet factions. Currently, another \$5 million to \$7 million is "in the pipeline" that is, obligated or about to be The CIA has spent at least spent.

But administration officials contend that this is hardly enough because the Soviet Union has already spent more than \$100 million over the same peri-

The President was tight-lipped and unsmiling when he appeared in the White House press briefing room munites after the Senate vote. He called the Senate decision "a deep tragedy for all countries whose security depends on the United States. Ultimately, it will professionally effect the senate decision "a deep tragedy for all countries whose security depends on the United States."

tend that the Soviet Union wants to open a major naval base in Angola, giving Moscow for the first time an Atlantic Ocean port.

Senate opponents, however, were fearful of another Vietnam type involvement. They would that

type involvement. They said that nationalism in Angola is so intense that the major powers will never be able to get a foothold.

"They didn't throw the Portuguese out after 500 years to

let Russians come in," said Sen. Dick Clark (D-Iowa).

Sen. Clifford P. Case (R-N.J.), ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Commiton the United States. Ultimately, it will profoundly affect the security of our country as well."

Administration officials consumptions and the said there was little likelihood of Russian success now even if all U.S. aid to Angola wave anded

to Angola were ended.

But Ford, brushing aside Vietnam parallels, insisted that "the sole, issue is the provision of modest amounts of assistance to loopose military-intervention by two extra-continental powers, and the solid transfer the Societ University of the solid transfer transfer the solid transfer transfe namely the Soviet Union and Cuba."

Echoing Secretary of State
Kissinger's argument, Ford called the Senate action"an abdication of responsibility."

Ford added: "How can the
United States, the greatest
power in the world, take the
nosition that the Soviet Union

position that the Soviet Union can operate with impunity many thousands of miles away with Cuban troops and massive amounts of military equipment while we refused any assistance to the majority of the local peo-ple who ask only for military equipment to defend them-

Ford asked the Senate to reverse its stand, saying: "Failure to do so will seriously violate the interest of the United States."

Blasts Ford & CIA de Missionaries

The United Church of Christ accused President Ford yesterday of encouraging the CIA to use American missionaries to gather information and carry out policy. It threatened a "head-on collision" between the administration and the country's 35 million Protestants if the policy isn't stopped, and said it would seek a court injunction if necessary.

The United Church reaction was provoked by a letter written last week by White House counsel Philip Buchen to Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.). In the letter Buchen said that the President favors continuing contact of the CIA with foreign clergy and American missionaries abroad. — Marcia Kramer

A SENATE COMMITTEE

-has endorsed the appointment of George Bush as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, but not before the White House issued a Renunciation Proclamation ruling Bush out as a possible 1976 vice presidential nominee.

That and other "political" issues so obsessed the

panel that it did no more than a lick-and-promise job of examining Bush's qualifications to head the CIA.

The CIA plays a vital role in assuring our national security, and is going through a trying period in which its external operations and internal morale have been severely damaged. It needs strong, firm, steady leadership.

We hope that Bush will be able to supply it. But we would be happier if the senators had concentrated on that point Approved For Release 2007/06/19: CIA-RDP99-00498R000100010011-1

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